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DROWNING IN VERDE RIVER

March 21, 2020: At approximately 4:10 p.m. police personnel were dispatched to assist medical with a possible drowning on the Verde River between Tapco RAP and Tuzigoot RAP. The female victim in her early 40's was floating the river with three companions when they reportedly became separated. A short time later the victim's paddle board was discovered lodged against a tree, in the high water. The victim was connected to the board and submerged under water. She was removed from the water by a companion and CPR was immediately performed. Medical personnel arrived on scene and transported her to Verde Valley Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased. The victim was wearing a personal protective device. The victim's identity is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

Clarkdale Police Department and the Town of Clarkdale strongly discourage floating the river during high and swift water.

Additional information will be posted on the Town of Clarkdale website at <http://www.clarkdale.az.gov> when it becomes available.

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